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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic as my local wi-fi and telephone provider, because they are a responsive local company in Santa Rosa, CA. They offer excellent broadband services and very responsive customer service. They employ many people in the Santa Rosa area. They offer an alternative to ATT and other huge corporations. It is essential to maintain competition and diversity of broadband providers in order to have a fair and competitive market place. Further in rural areas, a small, local broadband provider may be the only one to provide essential service to customers.

I hear that you want to abolish broadband competition in order to have control over the price of internet and telephone services. This is a fatal mistake, as true competition is the best determiner of services in the marketplace. Why not act to benefit the economy, the range of customers who use broadband, telephone and internet services by keeping the widest range of broadband and internet services providers possible.

I urge that you not choke off competitive service providers, but provide the conditions for the widest range of ISP and telephone providers to flourish.
Please act in the interest of the nation by supporting competition.

Sincerely,

Lillian Bloom